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THE RISE OF ECO-GLAM





Main picture: Brunello Cucinelli linen/wool field jacket, £2,150. Left from top: Loewe nappa leather parka, £2,550, Paul Smith cotton/cupro jacket, £615.

Polo Ralph Lauren cotton twill military jacket, £345. CP Company cotton field jacket, £499. Thom Sweeney linen herringbone field jacket, £1,640

Maison Kitsuné zippered field (£342, pictured far left centre), for instance, is cut from a stonewashed chambray that gives it a mid-1980s Gallic nonchalance, evoking the impeccably cool French kids sitting on kerbs smoking Gauloises who I used to envy on school trips to Paris. But you cannot talk about field jackets without mentioning CP Company. Known for its distinctive garment dyeing and self-coloured hand top-stitching, the brand has produced brilliant examples for years (including the unique goggle-hood version, a next-generation outerwear icon in its own right). This season, a simple black lightweight field (£499, pictured below left) flaunts undiluted CP Company cool with an ultra-light reinterpretation – Raso EL – of a classic fabric. There are the same cotton outer and nylon inner layers of the original, but thanks to new technologies there's a weight reduction of 40 per cent and some welcome stretch in the yarn. It's a great contemporary piece – light years ahead of the "You talking to me?" Bickle version, but with all the same quick-on-the-drawstring spirit. ♦

PLAYING THE FIELD

Brunello Cucinelli, 3 Burlington Gdns, London W1 (020-7287 4347; www.brunellocucinelli.com). **Canali**, 126-127 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7290 3500; www.canali.com). **CP Company**, 34 Marshall St, London W1 (020-7494 1983; www.cpcompany.co.uk). **Ermenegildo Zegna**, 37-38 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7518 2700; www.zegna.com). **Fenwick**, 63 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7629 9161; www.fenwick.co.uk). **Loewe**, 125 Mount St, London W1 (020-7499 0266; www.loewe.com). **Maison Kitsuné**, +331-4262 3238; www.kitsune.fr. **MEHM+**, www.mehmlondon.com and see Fenwick. **Paul Smith**, 9 Albemarle St, London W1 (0800-023 4006; www.paulsmith.co.uk). **Polo Ralph Lauren**, 169-173 Regent St, London W1 (020-7113 7400; www.ralphlauren.co.uk). **Thom Sweeney**, 33A Bruton Pl, London W1 (020-7629 6220; www.thomsweeney.co.uk). **YMC**, 23 Hanbury St, London E1 (020-3432 3010; www.youmustcreate.com).

sleeve badge, vintage-look taped zips and a drawstring through its bottom edge.

Notable tailors have also been playing (with) the field. Thom Sweeney conceals the gathered waist for a more streamlined effect. Its herringbone linens (£1,640, pictured right) have an exquisite lustre, and the sumptuous slate-grey suede version (£2,600) is a real showstopper with gunmetal hardware instead of zips. Loewe showcases the gathered waist on its tan nappa-leather jacket (£2,550, pictured top far right) via a length of the oversized rope that was a feature of its collection this season.

The utilitarian status of any field jacket is underpinned by its pockets. Canali's sumptuous lambskin version (£2,820, pictured second from far left), with its amber hue and buttery feel, has pockets with raw edges "finished" with wax. Other designers have reduced the number of pockets: the two-pocket



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Tom Stubbs OUT & ABOUT



Independent manufacturing allows British brand **Sunspel** to explore fabric advancement. Notable knitwear developments include Cellulock, inspired by an archive undergarment from the 1950s. Double-faced, with a jersey rib and cellular side locked together, the knit is soft, warm and a perfect midweight, with a low-tech feel – rather like Airtex but more substantial (and without visible holes). It's used for smart long-sleeved T-shirts (£70), track pants (£85) and shorts (£75). Sunspel has also debuted its first pure Sea Island cotton knitwear, in the form of a luxurious long-sleeved crew (£195) and a short-sleeved polo (£175, pictured left) in navy, petrol and – my favourite – "pebble" (light warm grey). A superior polo is always a handy piece, and this one has a good collar shape and a slim, ribbed placket. 13-15 Chiltern St, London W1 (020-7009 0650; www.sunspel.com).



The rugged Australian brand **RM Williams** has been getting steadily more deluxe since its acquisition by **LVMH** in 2014, with a new Manhattan flagship and an opening in London's Westfield. Founded in 1932, it specialises in equestrian-inspired boots and workwear. Now a custom service offers "Craftsman" versions of its signature Jodhpur and Chelsea boots (£460, pictured above) – clients select from 11 leathers (including exotics such as crocodile skin, camel and ostrich) and three sole formats. Made to measure starts at £570 (and rockets up to £3,500 for the croc). 102 New Bond St, London W1 (020-7629 6222; www.rmwilliams.com.au).

There are many reasons why Isabel Ettedgui's new **Connolly** shop on Clifford Street is a must-visit: the plush Gilles et Boissier interior, the beautiful Murano glassware from Yali – but mostly the clothes. Outstanding are the crepe and cotton bib-front shirts (£450) and tailored stretch flannel trousers (£270), along with pieces like woven Charvet belts (£235, pictured right). Outerwear, too, such as a cashmere pea coat (£1,850) and a navy wool blouson (£950) has a pronounced clout. There are also chic stretch knit cardigans (£230) and Connolly's iconic leather goods – where it all started for this company – aptly represented by its signature helmet (£160) and goggles (£130). 4 Clifford St, London W1 (020-7952 6708; www.connollyengland.com).

